

Grants, NM – Today, Congressman Harry Teague announced that the Pueblo of Isleta has been awarded \$112,000 for projects to improve energy efficiency throughout the community. The grant, allocated by the Department of Energy through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program, is being funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Recovery funding will aid in efforts to improve energy efficiency, reduce energy use and emissions while creating clean energy jobs.

“Many local tribes often have limited resources to invest in projects like these that improve energy efficiency,” said Congressman Harry Teague. “This grant will not only fund projects that help Isleta Pueblo reduce their utility bills and keep more of their money at home, but it will help create much needed job opportunities in the area.”

Activities that are eligible to receive funding through the EECBG grant include energy audits and building retrofits in the residential and commercial sectors, development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. The program recognizes the need for the rapid disbursement of funds to spur local economic development and encourage the creation of new jobs. This grant is part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to preserve and create jobs, promote the nation’s economic recovery, and assist those most impacted by the recession.

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